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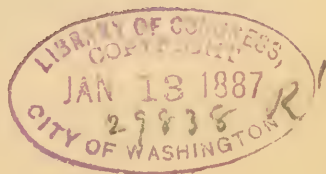
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#### EXPLANATIONS.

1. THE DOUBLE ACROSTIC.—The first letters of all the lines read the same as the first line of each stanza. The last letters of all the lines read the same as the last line.
2. THE MAGIC BAND.—These expressions compose the Magic Band.
3. LIVING GEMS.—In each stanza are words which, read in the order of their numbers, form sentences of great note and authority; and which *will live* until “Time shall be no longer.”

# PREFACE.

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Expecting  
Counsel, Courage  
Accurate And  
For Fortitude  
Entirely Ever  
Reading Remarkable,  
People "Get Wisdom." Perhaps,  
Reading Reliable  
Examining Encouragement  
From For  
Accrue, A  
Can Contest  
Endless

JOHN CALVIN BRIGHT.

*Thanksgiving, 1886.*

# DEDICATION.

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DEDICATED  
TO ALL LOVERS  
OF  
WISDOM AND EDUCATION,  
BY THE AUTHOR.

# Get Wisdom.

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## SIGHT.

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\*<sup>1</sup>Get <sup>2</sup>wisdom <sup>3</sup>and educate.—

Employ all thy heart and mind,  
That truth may prevail; that thou,  
Whilst combating with magic,  
Insidious trials—a

Sure state of our earth sin-girt—  
Destroy their wrong influence.

Open thine eyes with care. A

Myriad things environ,  
And thy 'understanding and  
Nice scrutiny ask thee.—Bring,  
Devotedly, all to the  
Eternal Creator. Light  
Descends from His Hand, and how  
Unwearied the windows (I  
Call them) of the soul, address,  
Ask it to enter the mind,  
Thus well assisting thee to  
Educate and get wisdom.

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SIGHT.

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Get wisdom and educate.—

Exult with thy heart, for God

Thine eyes hath unclosed, that thou,

<sup>3</sup>Without the least stint—magic

Idea—enjoy with a

Sweet transport, the beauties that

Deline His <sup>4</sup>great <sup>2</sup>excellence.

Oh, let thy living eyes—a

Might they possess through all an

Aberrant dark sphere attend—

Neglect not the opening,

Distinctly, of all that the

Exterior world present!

Devotedly <sup>5</sup>labor, show

Unbending attention (I

Charge thee) with thy active eyes,

As thy bright days roll onward,

That thou \*<sup>1</sup>no chances lose to

Educate and get wisdom.

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\*COMMON PROVERB.



## HEARING.

Get wisdom and educate.—

Exert thy quick ears, the grand

Tel'phones of the mind, that thou

Wilt richly enjoy classic

Ideas, criteria

Sure, harmonies grand and sweet,

Delightful and valu'ble.

Oh! make thy tympanums—a

Marvelous pair—entertain

And use these great treasures, and

Necessitate progress; cling

Devoutly to all of the

Essential instructions that

Develop <sup>2</sup>thyself; and <sup>\*1</sup>know

Unless they are stamped deep (I

Command) on thy memory's

Accurate page, and there held

Tightly, they'll never help to

Educate and get wisdom.

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\*SOLON.

## HEARING.

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Get wisdom and educate.—  
Exclude from thy 'ears the word  
Traducent, profane. In lieu,  
Without a delay tragic,  
Immutable truth give a  
Swift welcome, conclusions <sup>2</sup>that  
Determine the right, and the  
Obvious principles a  
Man may with safety attain.  
Attentively <sup>9</sup>hear all God  
Necessitates thee, to bring  
Deliverance from all the  
Emergencies \*<sup>1</sup>He <sup>3</sup>hath sent.  
Decide <sup>5</sup>to <sup>6</sup>hear <sup>8</sup>Him, and show  
Unfailing attachment (I  
Charge thee) to His Holy Books.  
And <sup>7</sup>let thy memory aid  
Thee to complete the work—to  
Educate and get wisdom.

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\*BIBLE.

## TASTE.

Get wisdom and educate.—  
 Educe from the blessings God  
 Throws into thy path, that thou  
 Walk wisely, the hygi'nic,  
 Invigorous strength, that a  
 Strong body and mind can not  
 Deceived be by sin ; because  
     Onerous duties, and a  
     Multitude, on th' uneven  
 Ascent of thy life, demand  
 Nice care. As, then, ev'rything  
 Distributed by this sense  
 Exerts a great power, let  
 Discretion be used ; for how  
 Unbending's the influ'nce, (I  
 \*<sup>1</sup>Consider) this organ has.  
     Advocate, then, to <sup>2</sup>the <sup>3</sup>end,  
     Truths hygienic, and so  
     Educate and get wisdom.

## TASTE.

Get wisdom and educate.—

Extract from all climes such food

That thee strength imparts, that thou

Wilt have a pure soul, logic

(I reason) result of a

Supremacy over what

Deranges the appetite.

Oh! \*<sup>1</sup>touch <sup>2</sup>not, <sup>5</sup>handle <sup>6</sup>not, a

Mite, in the trials of an

Aspiring and restless world,

Not fully designed to bring

Deportment commendable.

Examine with care all that

Delighteth thy <sup>3</sup>taste and show

Unyielding submission (I

Command thee) to all the laws

As hygienic are held.

Thus <sup>4</sup>not to check the work—to

Educate and get wisdom.

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\*BIBLE.

## SMELL.

Get wisdom and educate.—  
Exceeding sweet odors, good,  
Transcendent, arise, that thou,  
With pleasure great, ecstatic,  
Inhale and enjoy them. A  
Strength has <sup>2</sup>thy olfactor not?  
Deny to it none of the  
Odors refreshing that a  
Meet <sup>3</sup>opportunity, then,  
Advances. Nay, more, thou should  
No pains, therefore, spare to bring  
Desirable fragrance—the  
Essential constituent—  
Directly to thy use. \*<sup>1</sup>Know  
Unusual prudence (I  
Charge thee) that the tempting fumes,  
As from the still they proceed,  
Tear not thy efforts down to  
Educate and get wisdom.

\*PITTACUS.

SMELL.  

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Get wisdom and educate.—  
Exclude from thy nostrils and  
Thy lungs, ev'rything that, thou,  
With efforts most heroic,  
<sup>3</sup>In trying to \*<sup>1</sup>gather a  
Secure store of wisdom not  
Deficient in any place,  
Obviously impairs. (A  
Myriad duties of an  
Assuming fast age demand  
Nice care). As thou pass along  
Direct into <sup>2</sup>them the pure,  
Essential ambrosias that  
Delight all thy veins, bestow  
Unfeigned and great power (I  
Consider) for all thy works,—  
Active and powerful and  
Tangible help and aid to  
Educate and get wisdom.

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\*COMMON CHORUS.

## FEELING.

Get wisdom and educate.—  
Endeavor with all the grand  
Thread-work of sensation, thou,  
Within and throughout—antic,  
Invisible guardians; yea,  
Swift messengers of the light,  
Destruction, and peace, and woe,  
    Openly, secretly; yea,  
    Mighty detectors of <sup>2</sup>men  
Assumptively good, and <sup>4</sup>bad,  
Neglecting not all to bring,  
Delivering it to the  
Extreme and <sup>\*1</sup>most quiet part,  
Deceiving thee not; how, how  
Unable the secrets (I  
Conclude) the great crowd of nerves  
    <sup>3</sup>Are to retain; words, deeds, and  
Thoughts by them spread, received—to  
Educate and get wisdom.

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\* BIAS.

## FEELING.

Get wisdom and educate.—

Effect by this sense, \* "The Lord  
Though Servant of all," what thou

Wilt fail with those. Eclectic,

Intrinsic entwiner; a

Secure and great power that

Directs all the others; the

Obstacles by it moved; a

Mean for the labors which an

Assuming, unprincipled,

Nay, merciless world belong!

Detect and obtain by the

Exact and quick nerves, all that

Devotion to truth and law,

Unfailingly brings thee — (I

Cry) solid protection, bliss

Actual, knowledge profound,

Training remarkable. O,

Educate and get wisdom.

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\* OF CHRIST.



## ALL THE SENSES.

Get wisdom and educate.—  
Examine with care the world  
Throughout with these senses, thou,—  
With faculties these public.  
<sup>3</sup>Impossible 't'is <sup>4</sup>to plea,  
Secure any good, without  
Depending upon their use,  
    Only, and wholly. Then a  
    Mighty exertion, and an  
Assiduous effort lend;  
No <sup>5</sup>industry, \*<sup>1</sup>nothing strong,  
Discreet be withheld; that the  
Ecstatic enjoyments that  
Distinguish thee, and bestow  
Unusual profit (I  
Consider) in all thy ways,  
    Answer success; may reward  
Thee in thy diligence to  
Educate and get wisdom.

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\* PERIANDER.

## ALL THE SENSES.

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Get wisdom and educate.—

Elect by these senses and

Triumphantly use, all thou

Wilt need to meet sarcastic,

Illusive temptation,— a

Success in the business that

Devolves, without doubt, on thee

Of a \*<sup>1</sup>necessity. A

Magical power, often,

Abused, have these organs. And

<sup>3</sup>No virtue and ev'rything

Devised, every <sup>4</sup>law and the

Entire education that

Distinguishes thee, but show,

Undoubtedly, great skill (I

Conclude) of these faculties.

All thy great powers <sup>2</sup>know(s), and

Them all employ to help to

Educate and get wisdom.

## THE TONGUE.

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Get wisdom and educate.—

Extreme be thy watching and

Thy care that, in prudence, thou,

With all thy care tyrannic,

(<sup>2</sup>Is it?) forget not to a

Sweet grace give to all thy thought

Delivered. Let kindness, <sup>3</sup>the

Only complete subdu'r, a

Most entertaining trait, an

Ability unsurpassed

Ne'er fail thee impart and bring;

Dress all <sup>5</sup>of thy words with care,

• Exceedingly good and great;

Dear \*<sup>1</sup>suretyship bestow,

Unusual; cause swift (I

Call) <sup>6</sup>ruin to all thy foes;

And a <sup>4</sup>precursor be, and

Truthful expositor to

Educate and get wisdom.

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\*THALES.

## THE TONGUE.

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Get wisdom and educate.—

<sup>2</sup>Excess in thy speech \*<sup>1</sup>avoid.

Thy tongue, the great power thou

Wield, worthily, dramatic

Indeed, use. Distill with a

Success, and in time, the light

Devotion to truth, alone,

Opens to ev'ry one, — a

Magnetism which creates an

Attractive, resistless, and

Nutritious result. And strong

Deductions from prem'ses the

Expressions of which can not

Denied be by none, thou blow,

Until they're accepted. I

Conclude, that harsh language shows

Adamantean heart, and

Thought not conducive to

Educate and get wisdom.

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\*CLEOBULUS.

## WISDOM OR WEALTH.

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Get wisdom and educate.—

Essay not to live for gold.

Thy \*<sup>1</sup>millions may perish, thou

Work slavishly <sup>2</sup>for. Magic

Intriguer is Wealth, and a

Strange foe, proud and arrogant,

Devoid of the finer, the

Obvious feelings that a

Man with the image of an

Almighty Creator should,

No doubt, have. Then, anything

<sup>3</sup>Defense may suggest, require,

Expect, do <sup>5</sup>not thou <sup>6</sup>one <sup>7</sup>cent

Deny. <sup>4</sup>But with judgment show

Unusual grace, great (I

Call) <sup>8</sup>training <sup>9</sup>for happiness,

Actual, real; and thus spend

<sup>9</sup>Tribute and principal to

Educate and get wisdom.

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\*PICKNEY.

## WISDOM OR WEALTH.

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Get wisdom and educate.—

Extol far above thy gold,

\*<sup>1</sup>The traits that ennobles thou,

Without fail. For dogmatic

Is trust in thy <sup>4</sup>money, a

Shame, shame to thy spirit. Let

Discretion control thy <sup>2</sup>love.

Obsequies claim all wealth. **A**

Monument infinite, an

Authentic sign <sup>3</sup>of God,

Necessitating all strong

Deductions <sup>8</sup>of truth to thee,

Essential, <sup>5</sup>is Wisdom that,

Devoutly, inclines to bow,

Until <sup>9</sup>all <sup>6</sup>the <sup>10</sup>evil (I

Conclude) is without <sup>7</sup>root. Thus,

Actuated and controlled,

Thou to thy work proceed to

Educate and get wisdom.

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\* BIBLE.

## WISDOM OR FAME.

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Get wisdom and educate.—

Excessive desire attend

Thee all 'the day long, that thou

Win fame, so grand, elastic.

I ask : 'have \*'we 'met such a

Strong foe as Ambition ? that

Demoniac, who, because

Others do not bow in a

Myriad contests of an

Austere world, becomes enraged !

No 'enemy is so strong,

Deceitful as envy, the

Extract of ambition. It

Destroys friendships sweet ; 'they show,

Unfailingly, that his (I

Cry) touch paralyzes 'ours.

'Are we not ready to spend,

Thoroughly, all our time to

Educate 'and get wisdom ?

## WISDOM OR FAME.

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Get wisdom and educate.—  
Emphatic attempts to hold  
Thyself from the height which thou  
Wilt be enticed, emphatic,  
I bid thee to make. For a  
Strong foe is Ambition that  
Dethrones all the race from the  
Opulence, Happiness, a  
<sup>3</sup>Mighty Creator has in  
A state of Protection! <sup>4</sup>And  
No <sup>\*</sup>truth <sup>2</sup>is so strengthening,  
Discounted as this: That the  
Eternal Preserver that  
Directs both above, below,  
Until all that's faulty (I  
Call) <sup>5</sup>will be perfected, says:  
“Ask thou for wisdom, by and  
Through it thou shalt <sup>6</sup>prevail.” O,  
Educate and get wisdom.

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<sup>\*</sup>COMMON PROVERB.



## EXAMPLES.

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Get wisdom and educate.—

Examples of <sup>8</sup>this the world

Throughout her great record, thou

Wilt find, hast made. Didactic

(<sup>11</sup>It always will) labor, a

Strong, earnest endeavor brought,

Distinctly, to notice the

Orators, statesmen, and a

Mighty array of wise men—

Analogists, poets, and

Nice scholars in ev'rything,

Devote all thy <sup>14</sup>summer, the

Expanding resources, that

Develop, <sup>2</sup>propose <sup>3</sup>to show,

Unroll thy mind's strength, <sup>10</sup>if (\*<sup>1</sup>I

Charge thee) <sup>5</sup>it <sup>6</sup>out-<sup>9</sup>line success.

Ably <sup>4</sup>fight <sup>7</sup>on, and work, and

<sup>12</sup>Take sure swift courage, <sup>12</sup>all to

Educate and get wisdom.

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\* GRANT.

## EXAMPLES.

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Get wisdom and educate.—

Examples I still append,

That courage essential thou

Wilt have to proceed—logic

Idea—to gain what a

Sweet consciousness craves, with that

Desire, \*<sup>1</sup>first, which lives <sup>12</sup>of thee.

Onerous duties, <sup>4</sup>first, a

Multitude have performed in

A week way—<sup>5</sup>in <sup>6</sup>peace. Attained

None have without suffering

Determined <sup>2</sup>in <sup>3</sup>war, all the

Experience <sup>7</sup>and delight

Depainted <sup>9</sup>in Wisdom's Law.

Until, <sup>14</sup>countrymen, wrongs (I

Command) removed from our <sup>11</sup>hearts

Are, we should ask <sup>10</sup>the great God,

To <sup>13</sup>His strength share, <sup>8</sup>first, last. O

Educate and get wisdom.

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\*OF WASHINGTON.





## Get Wisdom.

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